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SUBJECT: SCIENCE COMMITTEE: DR. PRESS' PARTICIPATION IN
20TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED FURTHER WITH INTERNATIONAL STAFF LIKELY
SCENARIO FOR FINAL SESSION OF SCIENCE COMMITTEE'S 20TH
ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION CONFERENCE, APRIL 13, WHEN EIGHT
TO TEN DELEGATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE STATEMENTS IN SUP-
PORT OF THE NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM. DELEGATION HEADS WILL HAVE
FOLLOWING TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE FLOOR:

A) AFTER SIR SAM EDWARDS' PRESENTATION ON FUTURE OPPORTUNI-
TIES FOR THE NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM:

B) AFTER AMBASSADOR CLEVELAND'S COMMENTS ON THE LIMITATIONS
GOVERNMENTS ENCOUNTER IN COPING WITH COMPLEX SOCIAL-POLITI-
CAL PROBLEMS.

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2. IT SEEMS TO US THAT DR. PRESS MIGHT MORE USEFULLY SPEAK
AFTER SIR SAM EDWARDS. DR. PRESS MAY WISH TO FOCUS ON
U.S. SUPPORT OF THE NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM AND THEN CALL FOR
INITIATIVES IN CERTAIN FIELDS. (COMMENT: SUGGESTIONS FOR
INITIATIVES WOULD BE WELCOMED BY THE COMMITTEE AND INTER-
NATIONAL STAFF.) DR. PRESS COULD CONCLUDE BY READING THE
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. ENTIRE PRESENTATION SHOULD BE RESTRICTED

TO ABOUT FIVE MINUTES BECAUSE OF TIGHTNESS OF CONFERENCE SCHEDULING.

3. IN HIS STATEMENT, DR. PRESS MIGHT CONSIDER MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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--TRANS-ATLANTIC LINKS WITH EUROPEAN SCIENCE ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE UNITED STATES.

--THE NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM HAS BEEN A VALUABLE VEHICLE FOR PROMOTING COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND THE EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

--BY INVOLVING THOUSANDS OF SCIENTISTS IN ITS PROGRAMS, THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE HAS MADE EXCELLENT USE OF WESTERN SCIENTIFIC TALENT.

--THE NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM HAS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO FOSTERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF BASIC SCIENCE, AND THE ADVANCED TRAINING OF SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS.

--IN WEIGHING HOW BEST TO ACCOMPLISH ITS GOALS IN THE YEARS AHEAD, THE NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE MIGHT CONSIDER INTENSIFIED WORK IN SUCH INTERDISCIPLINARY FIELDS AS:

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--RISK PERCEPTION AND ASSESSMENT (E.G., IN REGARD TO EARTH-QUAKE PREDICTION AND LONG-RANGE CLIMATIC CHANGES)

--ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS MIGHT INCLUDE ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY AND RESEARCH ON EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS).

--MARINE RESOURCES (E.G. ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FOR EXPLOITING THE SEABED)

--COMMUNICATIONS SCIENCES (E.G., ELECTRONICS, PHOTONICS)

--SOCIAL INDICATORS(E.G., RESEARCH BASIS FOR QUALITY OF LIFE INDICATORS)

--URBAN SOCIETAL PROBLEMS (E.G., ALIENATION, TERRORISM)

4. IN HIS MESSAGE TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE CONFERENCE, THE PRESIDENT MIGHT WISH TO:

-- CONGRATULATE THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE ON ITS PAST ACHIEVEMENTS, ESPECIALLY ITS SUCCESS IN FOSTERING A FREE FLOW OF

IDEAS BETWEEN SCIENTISTS OF ALL NATIONS AND IN FORGING A
MORE CLOSELY-LINKED INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY.

--NOTE THAT JOINTALLIED ENDEAVORS TO EXTEND THE FRONTIERS
OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE HAVE BEEN A COHESIVE FORCE IN
BINDING THE ALLIANCE TOGETHER AND HAVE GIVEN LIFE TO THE
ALLIES' COMMITMENT, IN ARTICLE II OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC
TREATY, TO DEVELOP "PEACEFUL AND FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS".

--EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT CONFERENCE DELIBERATIONS WILL MARK

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THE BEGINNING OF NEW EFFORTS BY THE NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM
TO USE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS
OF OUR SOCIETIES AND TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.
IN THIS WAY, THE ALLIANCE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE REALIZATION
OF OUR COMMON ASPIRATIONS FOR PEACE, AND THE GOOD LIFE FOR
ALL CITIZENS.

5. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SCIENCE
COMMITTEE, DR. RABI, AND THE ALTERNATIVE REPRESENTATIVE,
DR. NIERENBERG, BE CONSULTED ABOUT THEMES THAT DR. PRESS
MIGHT WISH TO TOUCH ON IN HIS STATEMENT. IN VIEW OF THEIR
LONG AND INTIMATE EXPERIENCE WITH THE NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM,
THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS. BENNETT

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